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Photographic Evidence of Waterborne Supply Activity in Loyuan and Santu Baye

US field interpretation of photography of 30 and 31 July provides further evidence of waterborne supply activity in both Loyuan and Santu Bays. Photography of Loyuan Bay on 30 July reports two 90-foot long barges at a probable supply transfer point on the beach. The location of this sighting is just opposite the beaching site on the road from Loyuan out the north shore of the Bay. The photography of Santu Bay area on 31 July shows 3 motor vessels 65 foot long underway in the vicinity of Santu Island, each with a 65 foot barge undertow alongside. Santu Island is opposite a beaching site on the South shore of Santu Bay and is served by a newly constructed road from Loyuan.

This is the first photographic confirmation of waterborne supply activity in the Loyuan and Santu Bay areas, although there are numerous reports that this type of activity has been underway since late June. It is noted that there were no reports of supply movements into this area which is just north of the Matsus, until after the bridge at Loyuan was completed. This bridge is on the newly improved road to Foochow. The Chinese Nationalists have increased their efforts to disrupt Chinese Communist ship movements into the Santu-Loyuan areas, but have been seriously hampered by weather conditions.

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